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Public Workshop Scheduled to Discuss Downtown Stadium Issues

Greenville, SC... On August 11, 2003, Greenville City Council voted to support the development of a baseball stadium in downtown Greenville's West End district and authorized the development team of Sheergame Sports and R. Williams to proceed with the project. At that time, City Council instructed that the public be given the opportunity to provide input into the stadium plan. Additionally, they requested that a West End Master Plan be developed to ensure that the stadium complex development remained consistent with the overall economic development plans for the West End and Downtown Greenville.

The workshop scheduled for today and tomorrow at the Allen Temple Community Development Center, 404 Vardry Street is designed to receive public input and provide the basis for a West End Master Plan. The workshop is being conducted in a series of sessions where the public can share their ideas with the designers and developers. Sessions have been scheduled to address specific aspects of building a stadium in an urban neighborhood, focusing on the proposed baseball stadium, commercial and residential development opportunities and neighborhood enhancements. Two sessions have been scheduled to discuss neighborhood compatibility issues to accommodate

people's work schedules. At the final session on Tuesday evening, presenters will provide a preliminary summary and concept design based on the input received.

To facilitate the event, the developers chose the planning firm Arnett Muldrow & Associates LTD. Based in Greenville, the firm specializes in economic development, downtown master planning, and historic preservation. Their team of professionals has worked in communities large and small from Leesburg, VA to Greer, SC; Concord, NC to Monroe, GA. Aaron Arnett is scheduled to lead the Monday night open session. Tripp Muldrow will be facilitating the sessions on Tuesday. The architecture firm HOK has been retained to design the stadium complex and complete the Master Plan.

Over the past few months, developers and City staff met with representatives from the neighborhoods and interested community groups on an informal basis. The developers used the information received to put together the agenda topics and determine the session schedule for the workshop. Stakeholders and interested parties were then invited to attend the workshop through a targeted mailing, public service announcements, city TV and city web site announcements.

The workshop schedule runs as follows.

Monday, October 6, 2003

6:00 – 8:00 pm Neighborhood Compatibility – Session I

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

9:00 AM Neighborhood Compatibility – Session II

11:00 AM Community Access and Public Spaces

1:00 PM Economic Development Opportunities

2:00 PM Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Linkages

6:00 PM Wrap-up Session and General Public Meeting

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